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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Busche et al.**

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For: Method and System for Integrating Spatial Analysis and Data Mining Analysis to Ascertain Favorable Positioning of Products in a Retail Environment

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Examiner: Kemper, Melanie A.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: